(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No. E.ir,

(b) Does not arise.

Comrci.aiming of a nation-wise com-puter network in the country

293. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Mini-to- oi RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a it i$_s$ a fact that the Rsi^7 n to commission a nation, wide 'O'-mputer network to handle the movement of freight in the country;

i the details thereof and the roasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is liksly to be imp lemented in the Railway Zones?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Ministry of Railways . have plan to commission a nation-wide computerbased Freight Operation Information System.

(b) The System will consist of a central system and a number of zonal systems. The software for the central system has been obtained from Cana? dian Nation Railways, Canada and •is being modified by Centre for Railway, Information Systems (CRIS) for the use on Inidan Railways. The software for the zonal systems is being deve loped by CRIS. The central system will handle modules relating to wagon and locomotive movement and schef duling and routing of traffic. . The Zonal Systems will handle modules relating to yard management, local area management, maintenance ttf wagon$_s$ and locomotives. *uel manage mem and invoicing and billing This i$_s$ exp«"$^+$»d to lead to better planning ano" monitoring of utilisation of Wagon and locomotives, ' •; '

(el The svstem is being implemented on the Northern Pa^way at a cost of about Rs. 267 crores. On. successful completion of the work, its extension to other z$^{\Lambda\Gamma}$-a! Railways will be considered.

Setting- up of Budget Hotels

294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS . be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways is planning to set up bud-ret hotels with private-sector participation in 100 places all over the country THE MINISTER OF" RVTAVAYS (pmn *c K.* JAFFER

(b) if so, whether the plans drawn by the Ministry of Railways, the hotels will be set up at places of tour-ist interest es:ntial to cater to the needs of the domestic and internatio-nal tourists;

(c) if so, whether the modalities with regard to management of the proposed hotels have been worked out; and

(d) if so, how many districts in Madhya Pradesh will be covered for setting up these budget hotels?

SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to *(d)* The project is in a conceptual stage $_i$

Running of. Ujjaini-Dehradun Express Train

295. SHRI RAMNATH -KOVIND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to .state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to I-UD the U.ijaini Dehradun fast express train 4' days a week in orcler to cope with the heavy rush on this route:

(b) .if not, the reasons-thereforr

(c) whether there is any scope to reduce the total time taken by this

train by 3 hours to cover the distance; and

(d) it not, what are the main hurdles in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational end resource constraints.

(c) and (d) Reduction in the jour, ney time by 3 hours is not feasible at present due to operational exigencies.

Conversion of Railway lines in Rajasthan

296. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to (1) Conversion of Pipase Road-Bilara M.G. Line into B. G. line, and (ii) Conversion of Merta City M. G. Line into B. G. Line and New-B. G. Lines from (i) Kolayat to Phalodi; (ii) Single Track from Jaisalmer-Hamira to Sanu Mines Area and (iii) New B. G. Line from Bhiwadi to link it Jaipur-Delhi.Ahme-dabad B. G. Line; and

(b) whether State Government of Rajasthan has requested the Railway Board to expedite conversion of above M. G. Line to B. G. Line, if so, the time likely to be taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) The progress achieved so far for each of the item is

(i) General Manager, Northern Railway has just submitted a study report regarding conversion of Pipar Rosd-Bilara.

(ii) Conversion of Merta-City MG line into BG has been completed.

(iii) Traffic survey for Kolayat-Philodi has been taken up.

(iv) Due to constraint of resources new line from Jaisalmer-Hamira to Sanu cannot be considered at present.

(v) There is at present no proposal to link Bhiwadi with Jaipur-Delhi-Ahmedabad.

(b) No, Sir.

Procurement of Railway Wagons

297. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what 3a the current financial year 1994.95 target of procurement of railway wagons and how much order hag been placed; what are the names of unit with whom order has been placed quantity wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many wagon fabricating units in West Bengal are facing closure due to non or inadequate placement of wagon order by the Railways; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Railways has inducted two more unite at Madras to make the situation worse in the wagon industry, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K,, JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Target for procurement of wagons for 1994-95 as budgeted is 18000 four wheelers. However, as traffic offerings to the Railways have not been picking up as per projections, and asset utilisation has improved, the re. nuiremeot. hag reduced.